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SUBJECT: ALLEGED KOREAN MARITIME FREIGHT DUTY DIFFERENTIAL

REF: (A) STATE 173278 (B) SEOUL 5328 (C) SEOUL 2755

1. RE QUESTIONS POSED REF A CONCERNING ALLEGED FREIGHT DUTY DIFFERENTIAL FOR TALLOW IMPORTS, BOTH TALLOW INDUSTRY SOURCES AND OFFICE OF CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATION CONFIRMED THAT ALL KOREAN TARIFFS, INCLUDING TARIFF ON TALLOW, ARE ASSESSED ON C.I.F. VALUE, WITHOUT REGARD TO REGISTRATION OF VESSEL ON WHICH COMMODITY IMPORTED. TALLOW INDUSTRY SOURCES STATED THEY ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT TO WHICH THEY ARE ENTITLED FOR USING KOREAN FLAG VESSELS FOR IMPORT OF TALLOW. LOCAL OFFICES OF U.S. STEAMSHIP AGENCY CONTACTED STATED THEY HAD RECEIVED REQUEST FROM U.S. IN EARLY JULY TO CHECK OUT REPORT SIMILAR TO THAT DESCRIBED IN REF A AND THEY SATISFIED THEMSELVES AT THAT TIME REPORT WAS INCORRECT.

2. AS REPORTED REF B, TARIFF RATES WERE REVISED FOR LARGE NUMBER OF COMMODITIES EFFECTIVE JULY 1. RATES FOR TALLOW WITH ACID VALUE OF OVER 3.9 RAISED FROM 10 TO 15 PERCENT AND RATE FOR TALLOW WITH ACID VALUE LESS THAN 3.9 RAISED FROM 20 TO 30 PERCENT. THOSE TWO CATEGORIES ARE ROUGHLY COMPARABLE TO INEDIBLE AND EDIBLE TALLOW, WITH ACID VALUE OVER 3.9 CATEGORY CORRESPONDING TO INEDIBLE TALLOW.

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3. AS REPORTED PARA 2 REF C, REVISIONS IN EXPORT INCENTIVES

IN APRIL THIS YEAR INCLUDED PROVISION THAT PREFERENTIAL INTEREST RATE FOR IMPORTING RAW MATERIALS FOR EXPORT PRODUCTION EXTENDED TO COVER FREIGHT COSTS WHEN IMPORT CARRIER ON KOREAN FLAG VESSEL. ROKG MAINTAINS THIS DESIGNED TO OFFSET DISADVANTAGE TO KOREAN FLAG VESSELS OCCASIONED BY FACT FOREIGN CREDIT NOT AVAILABLE TO FINANCE FREIGHT CHARGES FOR KOREAN FLAG CARRIERS. PREFERENTIAL RATE CURRENTLY SET AT EURODOLLAR RATE PLUS 2.5 PERCENT AS COMPARED PRIME COMMERCIAL RATE FOR WON LOANS OF 15.5 PERCENT. ABOVE WOULD NOT APPLY IN CASE OF TALLOW WHICH IS IMPORTED FOR DOMESTIC USES. WITH THAT POSSIBLE MINOR EXCEPTION, EMBASSY NOT AWARE OF ANY NEW MEASURES WHICH CONTAIN CARGO PREFERENCE FEATURES.

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